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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT CONFIRMS GLAVAS DETENTION

REF: ZAGREB 1390 AND PREVIOUS

11. Parliament voted November 22 to confirm a committee decision to strip MP Branimir Glavas of his immunity from detention, allowing the court to keep him in detention based both on the gravity of the alleged crimes and the protection of witnesses (reftels). Glavas could face up to a year of investigative detention, after which the court must indict or release him.

12. The decision was supported by most MPs of the ruling Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) and by major opposition parties. As foreshadowed in Post reporting, the vote reversed a previously announced HDZ caucus position opposing long-term detention of Glavas.

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